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For : HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE TYPE FLUID TREATMENT DEVICE

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112**

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In response to the Official Action dated January 13, 2010, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on April 13, 2010, the period for reply being extended to expire on June 14, 2010 (June 13, 2010 being a Sunday) by the accompanying two-month Request for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein-contained remarks. However, if any additional extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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